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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD, EEC
SUBJECT: MFA RENEWAL

REF: GENEVA 6064

1. DAVIGNON AND I HAVE BEEN BACK AND FORTH JULY 22 ABOUT WHAT TO DO NEXT ABOUT THE MFA SITUATION. CONCERNED COMMISSIONERS ALSO MET ON ISSUE AND I SUSPECT BUT DON'T KNOW THAT THERE HAVE BEEN FURTHER COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE FRENCH AND BRITISH. IN ANY CASE, DAVIGNON SAYS FRENCH DON'T AGREE WITH THE LATEST VERSION PARAGRAPH NINE REPORTED REFTEL BUT THAT COMMISSION IS DETERMINED TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATION ANYWAY "PROVIDED." THE PROVIDED IS THAT THE PHRASE "AND THE NEED TO SOLVE ALL PROBLEMS" IN THE EXISTING PARAGRAPH NINE BE CHANGED TO READ "AND THE NEED FOR PRIOR RESOLUTION OF ALL PROBLEMS." TRAN WILL BE INSTRUCTED THAT IF THIS CHANGE IS ACCEPTED, HE CAN AGREE TO THE CHAIRMAN'S SUMMING UP AND THE COMMISSION WITH A FAIT ACCOMPLI WILL FACE THE MEMBER STATES REACTION AND RIDE IT OUT IN THE
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COUNCIL NEXT WEEK.

2. DAVIGNON ADDED THAT THEY HAVE CONSIDERED AND REJECTED THE POSSIBILITY OF A UNILATERAL STATEMENT OF THEIR POSITION AT LEAST FOR NOW RATHER THAN AN AGREED CHAIRMAN'S SUMMING UP SINCE THEY FEAR IT WOULD PROVOKE UNHELPFUL UNILATERAL STATEMENTS FROM OTHERS.

3. JUDGING FROM WHAT HE SAID ABOUT THIS "LAST, LAST"
AMENDMENT TRAN MIGHT ACCEPT DELETION OF THE WORD "ALL."
THE KEY PARTS OF THE PARAGRAPH ARE, DAVIGNON SAYS, THE
WORD "PRIOR" AND THE PHRASE "SUBJECT TO."

4. I TOLD HIM SOMEWHAT WEARILY -- BUT NO DOUBT LESS
WEARY THAN ARE OUR FRIENDS IN GENEVA -- THAT IN MY JUDG-
MENT IT WAS WORTH THE TRY SINCE THE THOUGHT OF GOING INTO
THE COUNCIL NEXT WEEK WITH THE ISSUE UNRESOLVED WAS NOT
ONE THAT APPEALED TO ME. HINTON

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